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In re Application of:  
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For: **RELEASE OF INTRACELLULAR MATERIAL**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Group Art Unit: 1637

Examiner: J. Tung

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**RESPONSE TO ELECTION REQUIREMENT**

Transmitted herewith is a response to the Election Requirement dated November 19, 2002 (Paper No. 8).


Applicants hereby elect, **with traverse**, the invention identified in the Office Action as Group I, claims 1-12, drawn to a method for producing release of intracellular material from a cell comprising applying a voltage to a suspension containing said cells.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the restriction requirement and to examine all claims in this application.

Applicants believe that no fees are required with this filing, however, if such fees are due, **except** for issue fees payable under 37 C.F.R. § 1.18, the Commissioner is hereby authorized by this paper to charge any additional fees during the entire pendency of this application including fees due under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required, including any required extension of time fees, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0310. This paragraph is intended to be a **CONSTRUCTIVE PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME** in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(3).

Respectfully submitted,  
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